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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITIES: REPORT OF FOURTH PREPARATORY  
MEETING ON TROPICAL TIMBER, JULY 31 - AUGUST 4, 1978

REFERENCE: GENEVA 12122, ABIDJAN 6368

FOLLOWING ARE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY  
CHAIRMAN OF SUBJECT MEETING:

THE FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE  
MATTERS REMITTED BY THE THIRD PREPARATORY MEETING ON  
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TROPICAL TIMBER, IN PARTICULAR WITH REFERENCE TO THE WORK  
PROGRAMME ADOPTED AT THAT MEETING AND THE DOCUMENTATION  
PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING, THE FOLLOW-  
ING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ADOPTED.

CONCLUSION: THE FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING AGREED THAT THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE ELEMENTS COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A BASIS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT (OR ARRANGEMENTS) ON TROPICAL TIMBER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 93(IV).

(1) REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

THE MEETING AGREED THAT ACTION WAS NEEDED TO:

(A) IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT, REGENERATION AND UTILIZATION OF THE TROPICAL FOREST RESOURCES;

(B) IMPROVE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF FORESTRY PERSONNEL;

(C) CONTINUE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF A POSSIBLE REFORESTATION SCHEME.

(2) INCREASED AND FURTHER PROCESSING IN THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES

THE MEETING AGREED THAT ACTION WAS NEEDED AND THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

(A) MONITORING DEVELOPMENTS IN APPROPRIATE FORA RELATED TO MARKET ACCESS;

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(B) IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION OF NOMENCLATURE OF THE SPECIES, GRADES AND SPECIFICATIONS IN THE TROPICAL TIMBER TRADE;

(C) TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY;

(D) TO PROMOTE THE EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESSING AND MANUFACTURING IN PRODUCING COUNTRIES, THROUGH, INTER ALIA, MEASURES AIMED AT ENCOURAGING FOREIGN INVESTMENT .

(3) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

THE MEETING AGREED THAT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IS IMPORTANT BOTH FOR REFORESTATION AND PROCESSING AND SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) PROMOTE RESEARCH ON MANAGEMENT AND UTILIZATION OF TROPICAL FOREST;

(B) PROMOTE FURTHER RESEARCH ON SPECIES, ESPECIALLY THE LESSER-KNOWN SPECIES, UTILIZATION OF RESIDUES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COMMERCIAL USES.

(4) MARKET FLUCTUATION

IT WAS AGREED THAT INTERNATIONAL ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID EXCESSIVE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE TROPICAL TIMBER MARKET, BY IMPROVING MARKET INTELLIGENCE AND INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM.

IN THIS REGARD, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS DID NOT PRECLUDE THAT OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES MIGHT BE AGREED UPON.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

THE MEETING SUGGESTED THAT THE SECRETARIATS OF UNCTAD AND FAO WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNMENTS, COMPETENT INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE EXPERTS AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES, PREPARE A DOCUMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING SHOWING HOW A SCHEME COVERING THE ABOVE ELEMENTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED AT THIS MEETING, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REGIONAL DIFFERENCES, MAY BE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED, AND WHAT WOULD BE THE FINANCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A SCHEME. FURTHERMORE, THE SECRETARIATS SHOULD GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, WITH A VIEW TO MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT ON THOSE POINTS UPON WHICH OPENIONS ARE AT VARIANCE AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS AND PROPOSALS OF PRODUCERS CONTAINED IN THEIR POSITION PAPER AND THE VIEWS OF THE CONSUMERS.

THE MEETING REQUESTED THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES TO SCHEDULE THE FIFTH PREPARATORY MEETING ON TROPICAL TIMBER BEFORE THE END OF 1978, AND IF NOT POSSIBLE, EARLY IN 1979. SORENSON

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